

## Message Text

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TAGS: ENRG BENC TH  
SUBJECT: RTG-UNION TIL GASE PRICE NEGOTIATIONS

RES: BANGKOK 6680

1. UNION OIL REPS GREENWALT (V.P. FOR THAILAND) AND ROETHKE  
(NATURAL GAS EXPERT FROM LOS ANGELES) MET INCONCLUSIVELY WITH  
RTG'S GAS PRICING SUBCOMMITTEE MARCH 15 AND ALAIN MARCH 17.

WWM MINISTER OF INDUSTRY KASEM WAS NOT ABLE, OR CHOSE NOT, TO  
SCHEDULE MEETING WHICH GREE WALT AND ROETHKE REQUESTED FOR  
ASTERNOON MARCH 17. HOWEVER, MINISTER SENT WORD HE WILL:  
(1) BE IN TOUCH WITH GREENWALT SOON, AND (2) PROBABLY URGE  
THAT UNION SEND HIGH-RANKING REP TO DISCUSS OVERALL SITUATION  
WITH MINISTER.

3. ROETHKE DEPARTED FOR LOS ANGELES MARCH 19. HE WILL REC  
MMEND  
THAT UNION SCHEDULE SENIOR V-P BURKE TO MEET WITH KASEM IF AND  
WHEN MINISTER PROPOSES THAT HIGH-LEVEL TALKS BE HELD.

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4. ALTHOUGH THERE  
WERE NO BREAKTHROUGHS IN BANGKOK  
TALKS, ROETHKE APPEARS  
CONVINCED THAT PRICE AGREEMENT  
WILL BE REACHED SOON. HE SAID IT IS EPIDENT FROM INTERNAL  
WORKINGS OF GAS PRICE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT MINISTER KASEM'S

PRESENCE IS BEGINNING TO MAKE ITSELF FELT. ROETHKE  
COMPLAINED AGAIN, HOWEVER, THAT CHAIRMAN OF PRICE SUB-  
COMMITTEE (WHO IS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF NATIONAL ENERGY  
AUTHORITY) IS ILL-INFORMED ON NATURAL GAS ISSUES AND  
DOES NOT PREPARE HIMSELF WELL FOR MEETINGS WITH UNION.  
HE EXPRESSED  
HOPE THAT MINISTER KASEM WILL TAKE  
INCREASINGLY DIRECT ROLE IN PRICE TALKS.  
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